

REMARKS

On October 11, 2006 attorneys for the Applicant spoke by telephone with the Examiner. During the conversation the Examiner explained how he was interpreting the claims and it became clear that the Examiner's interpretation was not what the Applicant intended to claim.

On October 16, 2006 attorneys for the Applicant transmitted a proposed claim amendment by fax to the Examiner.

On October 27, 2006, the Examiner called the attorneys for the Applicant and indicated that he and his supervisor agreed that the proposed claims were patentable over the art of record. The Examiner also stated that upon receiving this amendment and RCE, he would conduct a new search and would telephone the attorneys for the Applicant before issuing an Office Action.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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